

REMARKS/ARGUMENTSI. General Discussion

This amendment is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2005. Claims 29, 35, 36 and 38 stand rejected for the reasons set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action. However, all the remaining claims stand allowed or were indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter.

Applicants have amended the application to address and overcome each of the stated rejections and/or objections.

Claims 29, 35 and 36 have been canceled without prejudice to expedite issuance of the present application. Accordingly, claims 1-28, 30-34 and 37-68 are now pending. **The cancellation of claims 29, 35 and 36 renders the rejections of these claims moot.** Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in a continuation application should Applicants decide to do so.

Claim 38 was amended to depend from allowable claim 37. Accordingly, claim 38, as amended, is allowable over the applied references for the same reasons claim 37 is allowable. Objected to claims 30, 37 and 39 have been amended to rewrite them in independent form.

Claims 1-41 and 54-68 stand allowed. Claims 30-34, 37 and 39-41 were objected to for depending from a

rejected base claim but were indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter and are now in condition for allowance. Claim 38 now depends from an allowble claim. Accordingly all the pending claims are now stand allowed or are in condition for allowance.

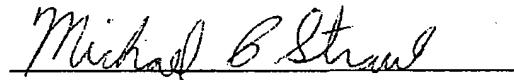
II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicants request that the Examiner pass this application to issue. Should the Examiner issue any new rejections it is respectfully requested that the Examiner address the features of the dependent claims in addition to the features of the independent claims.

Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative by phone if any outstanding issues remain to be resolved to place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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